

10 Day Japan Golden Route with Hiroshima Tour

Osaka - Hiroshima - Kyoto - Shizuoka - Tokyo

From **\$3,899** Typically \$4,899 pp twin share



Enjoy modern hotel accommodation and a range of meals

Ride the exciting bullet train from Kyoto to Shizuoka

Explore the historic city of Hiroshima

Visit world-heritage sites, ancient towns, castles, parks, modern cities and much more!

Description



This fantastic package combines all Japan's highlights into one amazing itinerary. Experience the culture, cuisine, history and beauty of Japan as you wander through world-heritage sites, ancient towns, castles, parks and amazing modern cities.

Beginning in Hiroshima, you will be able to experience for yourself the tragic history of this city, visiting the monuments, ruins and museums and hearing first-hand accounts of the infamous atomic bomb attack during World War II. Onwards to Osaka, you can explore like a local, visiting markets and sampling local cuisine in the 'street food capital'.

Next, jump on your bullet train and head north to Tokyo, with stops in Kyoto, Nara and Mt Fuji along the way! Experience everything the amazing 'Golden Circle' has to offer in comfort, style and while enjoying Japanese hospitality at its finest.

Itinerary

Day 1

Osaka

Welcome to Osaka, Japan! Upon arrival at Kansai Airport, clear customs and immigration and get your transfer to your

accommodation.

Accommodation: Odysis Suites Osaka Airport Hotel

Meals: None

Day 2

Osaka 🚗 Himeji 🚗 Hiroshima

After breakfast, we make the trip to Hiroshima. Largely destroyed when the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima

on August 6, 1945, the city became known worldwide for this unenviable distinction. En route, we stop in Himeji to visit

the Himeji Castle. It was registered in 1993 as one of the country's first UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Enjoy your time here before heading to Hiroshima.

Accommodation: Oriental Hotel Hiroshima

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Day 3

Hiroshima

Today, we begin with the Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima. The shrine and its torii gate are unique for being built over

water, seemingly floating in the sea during high tide. The shrine complex consists of multiple buildings, including a prayer

hall, the main hall, and a noh theatre stage, which are connected by boardwalks and supported by pillars above the sea.

Then visit the Peace Memorial Park and Atomic Bomb Museum, commemorating the victims of the atomic bomb used

in WWII.

Accommodation: Oriental Hotel Hiroshima

Meals: breakfast

Day 4

Hiroshima Osaka

Bid farewell to Hiroshima this morning as you begin your journey back to Osaka. Following the coastal road along the

Seto Inland Sea, you will visit the historic city of Kurashiki, a water city renowned for its breathtakingly well-preserved

canal area dating back to the Edo Period.

After we make our way back to Osaka (200km, approx. 3-4hr).

Accommodation: Hotel it Osaka Shinmachi

Meals: breakfast, lunch

Day 5

Osaka 🚗 **Nara** 🚗 **Kyoto**

Today we will take a day trip to Nara. Once you arrive in Nara, it is a short walk to the main attractions. We will visit

Todaiji Temple and its Great Hall as it houses one of the largest bronze Buddha statues in the world. Wander back

through Nara Deer Park, where you can see hundreds of deer roaming around. Nara's 1,200 deer have become the city's

symbol as it comes from the Shinto idea that every creature, nature or object is a messenger of God. While you are here

you can feed the deer with crackers and enjoy some of the local foods they have to offer. As well as their cute deer

souvenirs and activities related to Nara's history.

Afterwards, travel to Kyoto, a time capsule of laneways filled with tea houses, izakayas and geisha — if you can spot

them vanishing down the back alleys. On arrival, wander across the Togetsu Bridge, the landmark of Western Kyoto's

Arashiyama District for over four hundred years. Then, get lost in the surreal and otherworldly beauty of the Arashiyama

Bamboo Forest. Gliding across wooden paths that weave through dense thickets of tall bamboo stalks, find a quiet

corner to listen to the rustling, creaking, and sway of trunks that knock together, creating a peaceful sound like almost

nothing else.

Accommodation: Rihga Royal Hotel Kyoto

Meals: breakfast, lunch

Day 6

Kyoto Mt Fuji

Following breakfast this morning, visit Nijo Castle, where you can revel in the atmosphere of this historical residence of the Tokugawa Shogunate.

Later, admire the Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion), a Zen temple and World Heritage site with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold and detailed architecture incorporating the three distinct architectural styles of Shinden, Samurai and Zen.

After lunch, travel onwards to Mt. Fuji on a world-famous Shinkansen bullet train. Watch as flashes of futuristic

skyscrapers, shrines and lush fields pass by in its max 320-kilometers-per-hour dash from Kyoto to Tokyo. This time-

defying lightning bolt is diminished only by the majesty of the cloud-cloaked Mt. Fuji, a sight that makes time stand still for a serene, spectacular moment.

Accommodation: Sun Plaza Hotel Fuji Lake Yamanakako

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Day 7

Mt Fuji

Afterwards, ascend Mt. Fuji to the fifth station, hidden above the clouds. Depending on the weather, you might be able to

capture the iconic mountain in all its breathtaking glory. (Alternatively, if the weather does not permit, if the weather does

not permit, you could visit the Yamanashi Prefectural Mt.Fuji World Heritage Centre.

Later, experienced the hypnotising beauty of the Oshino Hakkai, also known as the Springs of Mt. Fuji — eight ponds fed

by melting snow gliding down the slopes of Mt. Fuji to create crystal-clear spring water revered by the locals.

Accommodation: Sun Plaza Hotel Fuji Lake Yamanakako

Meals: breakfast, Lunch, dinner

Day 8

Mt Fuji 🚌 Tokyo

Begin today by joining a cruise of Lake Ashi, formed in the caldera of Mt. Hakone after the volcano's last eruption over

3,000 years ago. Savour the numerous delights of nature.

Heading to Tokyo. After arriving in Tokyo, visit the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building Observatories, also

known as the Tokyo City View, which are two observation decks located on the 45th floor of the Tokyo Metropolitan

Government Building in Shinjuku, Tokyo. The building is one of the tallest in Tokyo, standing at 243 meters high, and

offers stunning panoramic city views.

The rest of the day is at your own leisure.

Accommodation: Hotel Metropolitan Tokyo Ikebukuro

Meals: breakfast, lunch

Day 9

Tokyo

Spend today exploring Tokyo at your own leisure.

Tokyo is the bustling capital city of Japan, known for its cutting-edge technology, rich cultural heritage, and vibrant city life.

As one of the world's most populous cities, Tokyo is home to over 13 million people and is a hub of business, fashion,

and entertainment. There is a vast array of things to see and do in Tokyo, from visiting historic temples and shrines to

experiencing the latest in fashion and technology. Popular tourist attractions include the Tokyo Tower, Shibuya Crossing,

Tsukiji Fish Market, the Imperial Palace, and the Meiji Shrine.

Tokyo is also known for its delicious cuisine, with a wide range of traditional and modern Japanese dishes to try. From

sushi and ramen to tempura and yakitori, there's something for everyone to enjoy. The city is divided into distinct

neighbourhoods, each with its own unique character and charm. From the high-energy atmosphere of Shinjuku and

Shibuya to the serene gardens of Ueno and Rikugien, there is always something new and exciting to explore in Tokyo.

Accommodation: Hotel Metropolitan Tokyo Ikebukuro

Meals: breakfast

Day 10

Tokyo (Plane)

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport at an appropriate time.

Meals: breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- 9 nights four-star twin share hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (8 breakfast; 4 lunch; 3 dinner)
- Bullet train fee from Kyoto to Mount Fuji (including coach luggage transfer service from hotel to hotel)
- Dedicated Coach transportation
- Round trip airport and hotel transfers
- Professional tour guide
- All monument entrance fees as per the itinerary

Accommodation

Odysis Suites Osaka Airport Hotel

Oriental Hotel Hiroshima

Hotel it Osaka Shinmachi

Rihga Royal Hotel Kyoto

Hotel Metropolitan Tokyo Ikebukuro

Sun Plaza Hotel Fuji Lake Yamanakako

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Exclusions

- Travel insurance (Mandatory)
- Flights
- Optional recommended programs
- Optional tour extensions
- Personal expenditure
- Tipping/gratuities

Child Policy

No child discounts apply. A full priced voucher must be purchased for all children travelling. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Single Supplement

The additional supplement for a single traveller is \$1350.